

15 Meanings

Life, according to Will

B u s i F n u e n s H n s o y t C o L m i p o a p n i n W i e o b n s C o m m u n i t y

Hello There Old Friend

written by Will

Long time no speak, it has been a month of Sundays, How the hell have you been? The list goes on and on, all things that you say to a friend that you have not seen or spoken to in awhile. It has been in the back of my mind that it has been awhile since I posted something to my blog, and I knew it was something that I wanted to do, but everything else just seemed to take priority over this.

Back when I started this blog two plus years ago, I made it a point to blog several times a week. I had plenty of spare time then, I was not that busy at work, so I managed to multitask my responsibilities at the time and blogging, it was a win win situation for me. As time passed, I could not keep up the pace, and fell to once or twice a week. Before I knew it, I was blogging once every two weeks and then it happened. I got so busy with everything else in life, that I just turned a blind eye to blogging and before I knew it, it had been over two months.

WOW, a lot has gone on in the last two months. Here is a summary of things that I have been up to, in no particular order:

- Competed in another race, it was a four mile obstacle course (the obstacle course at Quantico Marine Corp base), it was a lot more difficult that I would have ever imagined. I fared way better than I thought I would, I even finished in the top 20% (go me!). I made it a goal of mine at the beginning of the year to compete in 4 races, and I have two under my belt already, and I am signed up for two more and am considering adding one or two more.
- After a year long hiatus, I am back to brewing beer. I found that brewing beer is like riding a bike, you never forget it. I must say, after a year long break, this batch may be my best ever.
- Lastly, and probably what I have spent the lion share of my spare time on; I launched a side project called www.tweetmart.com. In short, it is a classifieds site for Twitter. You can search items listed for sale, you can post something you want to sell, you can search job openings or you can post a job. It is all done via Twitter, so if you post something, the application will send a Twitter message out on your behalf to all those that follow you. In addition to that, the application searches Twitter for all things that are posted for sale and all jobs, and display them in a nice easy to read format on the site. I think it is a pretty cool site (but I am a bit biased) so check it out if you get a chance.

I am sure that I am missing a few things here, but those are the main things I have been occupied with (of course it goes without saying that I spent a great deal of my time with my wife and four kids, and let me just say that raising four kids is a full time job). Anyways, I hope that I will not stay away as long from blogging this time, but it is hard to say what tomorrow (and the next day) will bring.

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23rd June
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The Importance Of A Good Support System

written by Will

21st April
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Support systems, sometimes they are very visible and apparent, other times they are behind the scenes. Whether they are out in the open or are discretely hidden behind something else, their importance is still the same. Without a solid support system, things are destined to fall over, to fail, to collapse. Support systems are there for the trying times, when things are being tested to their maximum, stressed beyond belief, support systems hold everything together.

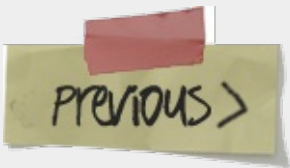
I was reminded this weekend how important my support system was, and got a good view on other's support systems as well. See, several months ago, I decided it was high time for me to get back into shape, and what better way to get motivated than to sign up for a half marathon. Well this Sunday was the race, and my family cam out in full force to support me. Along the race, I passed several onlookers, families who were there to support their loved ones as they ran the race. They placed signs along the course, held signs as people passed by, yelled words of encouragement to not only their loved ones, but to all the racers.

Trust me, if you have never run a long distance race, there are times when you are questioning why you are out there, why you are putting your body through this pain. At these moments, hearing words of encouragement from strangers can help lift the spirits, help you take another step forward. I am thankful for all of the well wishers along the way, but what got me to the finish line was know that my wife and four children were waiting there for me. They were all excited to see me cross that finish line. They have supported me over the last several months in my training, and they were there to share with in the excitement with me as I crossed the finish line. I could not have made it through the training without them, and I definitely could not have crossed the finish line without them being there. There were moments that I just wanted to call it a day, but the thoughts of my support system kept me going. Little did they know that by simply being there that they were what was getting me through the race.

I am eternally eternally grateful for being blessed with a wonder wife and family, the best support system a guy could ever ask for.

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